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Dump to build 500G cover

The owners of the Kin-Buc landfill, in Edison, N.J., closed for three years because of pollution violations, yesterday agreed to build a \$500,000 cover to prevent rainfall from eroding buried contaminants and polluting the Raritan River.

The cover is part of a settlement by the dump and seven other companies with the federal government, which filed a 69-count complaint against them. The government will still pursue penalties against the companies.

"This is an extremely complex case and may take several years to resolve," said U.S. Attorney Robert del Tufo. "We simply feel that it is in the public interest to dispose of the urgent problems as soon as possible."

Del Tufo said that over the years nearly 70 million gallons of liquid waste were dumped into the landfill's garbage. He said rain causes much of it to leak into the nearby Raritan.